

LOCAL NEWS.

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3.

A SUI.—An interesting case is shortly to be tried before the Court in Washington. Mr. George W. Riggs has commenced a suit in equity against the corporation of Washington, praying a decree to restrain the collector of taxes from selling the property of the plaintiff, and to compel him to receive certain taxes and bonds of the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown railroad company as a set-off for the amount of \$60,000, and Mr. Riggs became a possessor of 5 of these bonds for \$500 each. The city council, on the 10th of April, 1865, passed an act for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, but the principal was refused to pay them. When the mayor's property was assessed for taxes, Mr. Riggs in payment a certain portion of said bonds, which the collector refused to receive, and proceeded to advertise the property for sale for non-payment of taxes. Hence the suit.

CANDLEMAS DAY.—The Feast of the Purification, or Candlemas Day, was celebrated yesterday in the St. Mary's Church in this city. This festival is one of the oldest in the calendar of the Catholic Church.

The ceremony of blessing the candles is one of unusual impressiveness. It is customary for the people to contribute candles for the use of the altar during the ensuing year, and on this day their offerings are blessed by the priest. It is a pious custom among Catholics to have a number of candles blessed, which are kept at home, and used during times of sickness. The obligations and ceremonies of the day were appropriately explained by the Rev. Father Kroes, to large congregations, during both the morning and evening services.

RIVER NEWS.—A substantial bridge of ice spanned the Potomac this morning from shore to shore, and numerous persons availed themselves of the opportunity afforded to cross the river upon it. Since Saturday night last nothing has been able to traverse its thickness, and for the first time, during the winter, the Aquia creek mail boats have been compelled to lie quietly at their wharves. The E. C. Knight left New York on Saturday, but was dispatched to return. The John Gibson is supposed to have arrived at New York on Saturday. The James S. Green, of the old line, departed from New York on Thursday, but has not yet arrived, nor is it probable that she will do so before a thaw sets in.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION.—An adjourned meeting of those interested in the organization of a Co-operative Building Association, was held at the room over the Assembly Rooms on Saturday night last, which was well attended. H. O. Claughton presided, and J. W. Green, Chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a plan of organization, reported a series of articles for the government of such an association, which were read and acted upon seriously, but without final action the meeting adjourned until to-morrow night at 7 o'clock, at the same place, when it is expected the plan will be perfected, and a thorough organization effected.

COUNTY COURT.—John A. Rudd was exempted from the payment of the County levy on account of old age and infirmity.

WATERS vs. McSherry.—removed to the Circuit Court of this county.

The trial of Eugene King, charged with perjury, was postponed until the next term.

Jailor's account was allowed.

An account of C. O. Sipple, Special Policeman, amounting to \$10.80, was allowed.

The last will and testament of Nicholas Feby was proved.

Court adjourned till Court in course.

FEBRUARY.—Douglas Jerrold used to say that ladies talk less in February than in any other month of the year—which he attributed to the fact that it has only twenty-eight days, to match against the thirty and thirty-one of the other calendar months. This year, the fair creatures will enjoy an extra day—in order that they may make a liberal use of the peculiar privileges which the year confers upon them. But whether the month contains twenty-eight or twenty-nine days is of little account to at least two ladies in this city—they being sure to make their usual amount of "chin music" irrespective of the length of the month.

WRIT OF ERROR.—A writ of error was allowed on Saturday last by Chief Justice Chase, of the U. S. Supreme Court, on the application of Westfall Willoughby, esq., of this city, attorney for the appellants, in the cases of Burnett vs. Hunter, Martin vs. Beverly and Snowden, and Porter and Recker vs. Casanova—cases as heretofore mentioned in the Gazette, lately decided in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. These cases involve the validity of the sales under the act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts. The Virginia court, full bench, decided adversely to the validity of such sales—Judge Alexander Rives only dissenting.

O. A. & M. R. R.—The order of Gen. Mahone prohibiting the stopping of his trains at the transfer platform, in Lynchburg, for taking on or putting off freight for the Orange road, went into effect on Saturday, and the Orange Company had a large number of wagons engaged in hauling freight between the two depots. The Orange Company not only transfer freight brought on their road, but also that brought on the Tennessee and designed for shipment over the Orange line, and shippers are assured that there will be no delay or difficulty in their shipments being promptly forwarded as heretofore.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED.—On Saturday last a large number of persons heretofore employed in the folding room in the Capitol, among whom was Mr. W. W. White, of this city, were notified that their services were no longer required.

"ALASKA" AT HOME.—If any body desires to see what Alaska looks like, at this season of the year, he has only to turn his eyes down the river, over to the Maryland shore, and to the Virginia hills west of us. Circumspice!

WEATHER.—The weather continues clear but exceeding cold—the thermometer stands at this morning, at eight o'clock, at four degrees above zero, which was only four degrees higher than it stood on Friday and Saturday mornings last, at the same hour. A great many hydrants and water-mains have been frozen. The ground hogs if any came out of their holes yesterday, saw their shadows, and returned into winter quarters for six weeks longer. The applicants for chairs continue to be on the increase.

WATCH HOUSE REPORT.—The monthly report of Capt. John L. Smith, Superintendent of the Watch House, for the month of January, states that during that month, forty-seven persons were accommodated there with lodgings, of whom thirty-nine hailed from the North, three from Virginia, two from Canada, and three were women travellers. The only lodger last night was a man from South Carolina who was on his way North, hunting work.

FRIENDSHIP'S FAIR.—The attendance at the Friendship's fair on Saturday night last was greater than on any previous occasion, among the visitors there being a large number of the newly established order in this city—the Brotherhood of the Union. The members of Virginia Tent of Rechabites will visit the fair to-night. From this evening until the closing of the fair the rooms will be opened for the reception of visitors at three o'clock.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—Among the interesting announcements for the present month is one to the effect that there will be a total eclipse of the sun at nine o'clock on the morning of the 22d, the precise anniversary of the day on which George Washington was born. It will only be visible, however, in Africa, and in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean.

LATE.—There is some complaint on the part of commission merchants of the delay in the arrival of the freight trains of the O. A. & M. R. R. at the depot, on Union street. By this delay our merchants are unable to procure samples of grain in time for the meeting of the merchants at the Corn Exchange, and sales are thus, in many instances, delayed for a day.

RUNAWAYS.—On Saturday evening last a valuable horse, belonging to Messrs. Jamieson & Co., ran away with the sleigh to which he was attached, and injured himself so severely that he died during the night. There were two other runaways on Saturday, which however terminated without injury to man or beast.

SOUP HOUSE.—Since the last reported contributions to the city charity soup house, Mr. Thomas Whittington, the clerk of the market, acknowledges the receipt of \$5 from a friend for its support.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Seventeen marriage licenses were issued from the Clerk's office of this county during last month.

DEEDS.—Twenty-two deeds were admitted to record in the Clerk's office of this county during last month.

POLICE REPORT—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Frank Turner, colored, arrested for inhumanly beating his wife, yesterday, on Commerce street, was, in default of the payment of the imposed fines and costs, sentenced to confinement in the Work House for ninety days. On his way to that prison, in charge of an officer, he demanded to be taken to the county jail, asserting that he should have been sent there, instead of to the work house. His demand was complied with, but when safe within the walls of the jail, handcuffs were put on him, and again he started for the work house. At the gate of the work house, having slipped the manacles from his wrists, he broke away from the officer and escaped.

Charles Jackson, colored, suspected of robbing the government work yard, for threatening the life of the colored watchman at that yard, was fined and discharged.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Sarah Turner, colored, arrested on the charge of receiving money knowing it to have been stolen, was discharged for want of evidence.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Augustus Adrian, for threatening the life of T. J. Chase.

LAMPS, LAMP GOODS & OIL.

WM. COGAN, Street, 15, North Royal Street, offers for sale lamps in great variety, from the little Paraffin Lamp, to the most magnificent Parlor Lamp; Cut, Ground and Plain Globes; Chimneys, all kinds and sizes, Brushes, Wick, and all other goods in the trade, at the most reasonable prices. Special attention is called to large lot of Stand Lamps just received, purchased at extremely low prices, and offered at corresponding rates. All who want real bargains in handsome Parlor and Table Lamps had better come quickly.

TO THE LADIES OF THIS CITY.

The Ladies of this city will please remember that they can get Velvet and Felt Hats from 50c to \$1.00; Felt Bonnets, \$1.25; Feathers, 50c. All kinds of Millinery Goods, suitable for Christmas gifts cheap for cash.

MRS. C. L. SIMPSON'S, dec 19 180, King st., near Washington st.

CARPETS.

Having determined to close out our stock of CARPETS we have reduced the price, and are now offering great bargains.

R. L. WOOD, jan 3—No 62, cor. King and Fairfax sts.

NOTICE—CERTIFICATE No. 82. for two shares of the capital stock of the Orange & Alexandria R. R. Company, Lynchburg extension, issued in my name on the 19th of April, 1866, has been lost or destroyed. I shall apply to the Directors of said Company for a renewal of said certificate.

THOS. S. BERRY, jan 3—No 62, cor. King and Fairfax sts.

DESICATED COCOA NUT. a delicious article for pies, puddings, cakes, &c., prepared from the finest milk and meat of choice Carthageno Cocoa Nuts, by a process, which retains the aroma and nutriment, and renders it easily digestible, more healthful than the green nut, cheaper and more delicate, for sale by

MRS. C. L. SIMPSON'S, Hough & Ramsay, No. 147, King st., jan 7

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. Forrest's Juniper Tar, Hume's Universal Cough Remedy for Coughs, Colds, &c., Cannon's Bitters, Winslow's Soothing Syrup, Hostetter's Stomachic, and Nicholas' Cod Liver Oil, with Lime-Jelly, and for sale by

WARFIELD & HALL, Druggists, dec 14—

DOTY'S WASHING MACHINES.—We have on hand a few of the above celebrated Washing Machines, which will be closed out at 25 per cent less than regular prices. Call and examine at 83, King st. We want the room for other purposes.

JOHN T. CRIGHTON & SON, dec 4

BACON.—New Hams, Sides and Shoulders, received and for sale by

JOHN T. CRIGHTON & SON, dec 4

WANTED.—2 sets Platform Scales. Apply to BERRY COOK, 39, King st. dec 5

FOR SALE AND RENT.

FOR RENT.—The commodious and desirable residence, No. 117, corner Cameron and St. Asaph streets. Possession given immediately.

J. H. McVEIGH, an 22—eolm

FOR RENT.—The HOUSE, No. 5 Washington street, for many years the residence of the late Judge Neale—has water and gas. To a good tenant the rent will be moderate. Possession given Jan. 3.

BRENT & WATLIES, 681 Prince street, jan 3—4f

FOR RENT.—Two STORES under the Mansion House Hotel, also DWELLING HOUSES, two suitable for large families, or boarding houses, and others of smaller capacity. And on Union street, convenient to the railroad, TWO LARGE YARDS, suitable for the lumber, coal, wood, or plaster trade. Enquire of JAMES GREEN, 58, Prince street, 195—4f

DESIRABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE LOW.

A two-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and LOT OF GROUND, on the east side of Water street, between King and Prince streets, the residence of the late George Snyder. The lot has a front of 44 feet 11 inches on Water st., and a depth of 72 feet.

ADJOINING HOUSES, Nos. 45 and 47, on the west side of Water street, 22 feet 6 inches north of Duke street. The lots front on Water street 164 feet each, and run back 63 feet 6 inches. Apply to W. C. YEATON, Attorney for owner, aug 2—eolm

MERCHANT TAILORS.

WILLIAM MURRAY, MERCHANT TAILOR, No. 7, North FAIRFAX STREET, Has just received his

FALL AND WINTER ASSORTMENT OF CLOTHES, CASSIMERES, AND VESTINGS.

He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock. mar 29—4f

83 ARNOLD & FIELD, 83

MERCHANT TAILORS, Have removed from No. 69 to No. 83, King street, and resumed their old business, where they would be pleased to receive a call from their friends, or any one in want of a suit of good clothes. We have on hand and are receiving a good line of

CLOTHES, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, LINENS, &c., which we will make to order, very cheap, for the next two months, especially.

We propose to continue our GEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT, where you will always find the latest styles.

We will furnish a WHITE SHIRT as cheap as they can be had at retail in Philadelphia. Warranted to fit and wear well. Call and see us, at No. 83, King st., 3 doors west of Royal. aug 1—4f

WILLIAM E. ATWELL,

FASHIONABLE TAILOR, No. 161 King st., next to the Mansion House Store, who is acquainted with his friends and the public that he is again prepared to attend to all orders for work in his line, in his usually satisfactory style. mar 16—4f

PAPER BAGS!

THOSE PAPER BAGS that is, another supply, have just arrived, and will be constantly arriving, if they continue to depart as they have done recently.

These Bags come direct from the factory, and go direct to the purchaser at factory prices.

FLOUR SACKS, of any size, furnished to order, with your name and place of business stamped on them, without additional charge, and as our manufactory is pressed with orders, we have to adopt the "Miller's Rule," first come, first served; so don't wait until you are entirely out before you order more.

JOHN H. PARROTT, Dealer in Blank Books, Writing and Wrapping Paper, Stationery of all sorts, Sheet Music, &c., &c., corner King and Water streets.

N. B.—I am pleased to state that my goods come direct from the manufacturers, importers and publishers, and as I deal upon strictly cash principles, I give my friends the benefit, having adopted the motto, "small profits and quick sales."

P. S.—As "one good turn deserves another," according to the old adage, I authorize those who patronize me, and having a large family to feed, who are fond of good things, you will please make a note of it. J. H. P., do, do, do.

Fourthly and Lastly for the Present.—If I do not sell you goods as cheap as any one else, I do not expect you to buy of me, and vice versa. I charge nothing for my goods.

JOHN H. PARROTT, jan 1—4f

CRYSTALIZED OIL!

NO DIRT, NO GREASE, NO SMELL WHILE BURNING.

BRILLIANT, BUT SOFT LIGHT.

HARMLESS! CHEAP!

The above oil will be for sale by the principal Grocers, Druggists and Oil Dealers throughout this section of the State.

Manufacturers and Wholesale Warehouse will be open in a few days, at No. 61, Union street. Samples exhibited, and orders solicited from the trade, by

RICHARDSON, LUTHER & CO., dec 12—1f

RICHMOND REFINED SUGARS AND SYRUPS.

This day receiving per schr. Alice Curtis, another invoice of SUGAR from the Refinery of C. J. MORRIS & CO., Richmond, which I am instructed to sell as low as they can be bought in Baltimore. These Sugars have been tried by our confectioners and pronounced equal to any they ever used.

Confectioners and Merchants would do well to examine them.

1 OFFER FOR SALE.

200 bbls. "A" "Circle" "B" "C" "D" Yellow "C" Extra, and Yellow.

40 bbls. Virginia Golden Syrup. nov 5—4f

FOR FAMILY USE.

Superior bottled ALE, PORTER and LAGER BEER, delivered to any part of the city, for \$1 per dozen, or \$2 per box of 20 bbls. Empty bottles to be returned. Orders left at the Brewery, cor. King and Fayette streets, or at F. Becker's store, cor. King and St. Asaph sts., will be promptly attended to.

R. PORTNER, Alexandria Brewery, dec 31—2m

HENRY WORTHCE HAS REMOVED HIS BARBER SHOP, FROM 150, to 123 KING STREET, (Opposite his old stand.) where he will be pleased to receive his old customers and the public generally.

In conjunction with his BARBER SHOP, he has a private room for CUTTING CORNS, APPLYING LEUCORS, CUPPING, &c., &c. Persons in need of his services will please give him a call.

MARYLAND SHELL MARL.—Having been appointed agent for the sale of this fertilizer, we are prepared to furnish any amount to those who may desire to prove its virtue, at very low rates.

Certificates from parties who can vouch, as to the superiority of this above many other fertilizers, if desired.

GWIN, BECKHAM & CO., dec 25—

JOHN T. CRIGHTON & SON.

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REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

Buy, Sell, Rent and Lease all kinds of Real Estate in this and the adjoining counties.

dec 22—3m

SHERIFF'S SALES.

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By virtue of an execution, obtained from the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Alexandria county, and to me directed, I shall offer for sale, for cash, to the highest bidder, WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m., on the premises, No. 124, King street, a variety of

NEW HARNESS, BRIDLES, STIRRUPS, &c., seized to satisfy said execution in favor of Geo. W. Clifford vs. Palgrave & Hall.

JAS. M. STEUART, Sheriff, feb 1—eolm

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution obtained from the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Alexandria county, January term, 1868, in favor of John C. McCracken vs. the schooner "Yellow Jacket," I shall sell, for cash, to the highest bidder, on MONDAY, February 10, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m., said SCHOONER, her tackle, &c., and apparel as she lies near the Oyster Dock, to satisfy said execution.

JAS. M. STEUART, Sheriff, jan 31—eolm

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND MASQUERADE BALL.

The ladies propose to give a BALL, at the KENTON HALL, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, February 12th, for the benefit of the German School. In order to enliven the entertainment FOUR PRIZES will be awarded for the best masks, by disinterested judges; and no pains will be spared to make this a great enjoyment to all who may participate in the recreation.

Committee of Arrangements—Mrs. S. Lindheimer, Mrs. L. Bondheim, Mrs. S. Kronheimer, Mrs. J. Cohn.

Tickets of Admission, \$1; to be obtained from any of the Committee. jan 31—td

LADIES' FAIR.

A FAIR, for the benefit of the FRIENDSHIP FIRE CO., for the purpose of aiding them to pay for the steamer, lately purchased by the Company, will be held at

ASSEMBLY ROOMS, commencing on MONDAY NIGHT, the 24th instant, and continuing for about ten days and nights.

All kinds of Fancy and Useful Articles for sale. Ice Cream, Oysters, &c., &c., always to be had. Supper served every night.

The ladies make an appeal to the citizens to help them in their good undertaking, and we are satisfied the appeal will not be vain.

Season tickets, 50 cents; single tickets, 10 cts. jan 24—4f

"PUBLIC GOOD OUR ONLY AIM."

SECOND ANNUAL BALL OF THE HYDRALION STEAM ENGINE COMPANY AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

On Friday evening, February 21, 1868

It will be remembered that every available facility will be offered to make this one of the most agreeable and entertaining occasions of the season.

Master of Ceremonies—Wm. H. Smith. Floor Manager—John A. Field.

Assistants—A. C. Kell, Thomas Hoy, J. H. Young.

Reception Committee—Hon Hugh Latham, Capt. George T. Whittington, Hiram Water, Genl. Barton, Capt. James M. Stewart, Richard Pugh, Henry Strauss.

Committee of Arrangements—Jas. P. Shakes, D. Z. Buckley, John W. Horsman, M. B. Harlow, George Bonnett.

Prof. COOK'S STRING BAND has been engaged for the occasion.

Tickets, \$1; Refreshments furnished. The Committee reserve to themselves the right to eject any improper person from the hall. jan 10—eolm

SELLING OUT OUR PRESENT STOCK OF DRY GOODS.

BARGAINS IN DRY GOODS!

We have a large assortment of Merinos, Repps, Poplins, Plaids, Striped and Figured Dry Goods, which we will sell from this day at less price than was paid for the same in New York. Call early and secure a bargain.

R. L. WOOD, No. 62, cor. King & Fairfax sts. jan 31

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given, that the CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL, of old Virginia, renowned, has purchased and fitted up a FINE COUNTRY MANOR, which he intends to run for the convenience of the Alexandria ladies and gentlemen and the travelling public generally; attending, on notice, Parties, Balls, Picnics and Railroad and Steamboat Landings, &c. Orders can be left at Chatham's Livery Stable. All can be accommodated "sure as you live to die." Very respectfully,

CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL, of Virginia. jan 25—

FEED! FEED! FEED!

600 bales prime Timothy Hay.

100 " " Clover

150 bushels of White and Brown Middlings.

200 " " Wheat Bran.

1000 " " Corn

1000 " " Shipstuf

With Rye Straw, Cut Hay, Ear Corn, Shelled Corn and Oats, in store and for sale by

GWIN, BECKHAM & CO., 33, King street, jan 14

BRISTOL BRICK POWDER, WASH-BOARDS.—Just received a supply of Bristol Brick Dust in Boxes, which we sell at a low figure, by the grocer or retail; also, a large lot of Zinc Wash Boards at less than usual prices. JOHN T. CRIGHTON & SON, jan 31

TABLE CUTLERY AND PLATED GOODS.—Just received at 83, King street, Alexandria, Va., an assortment of Table Cutlery, of beautiful and plated Forks and Spoons of the best quality, which we will sell at a small advance.

jan 21. JOHN T. CRIGHTON & SON.

SELLING OUT OUR PRESENT STOCK OF MOURNING DRESS GOODS.

consisting of all the new and desirable styles of Black Dress Goods. Call early and secure a bargain, at

ROBERT L. WOOD'S, jan 31

PLASTER.—50 tons SOFT PLASTER, in lots to suit purchasers, for sale by

B. H. LAMBERT, jan 31

TURK'S ISLAND SALT.

15,000 BUSHS. TURK'S ISLAND SALT, to arrive direct from Turk's Island, per schr. "Maggie Mulvey," and for sale by

HOOD & WEDDERBURN, jan 25

CLOVER SEED

50 bushels chaf. Oats, and 100 bushels Pennsylvania Clover Seed, for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, 15, King street, jan 21—1w

LIVERPOOL SALT.

1000 sacks G. A. Salt.